REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-29 are pending. Claims 2, 15, and 18 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 3-4 should be pending for the reasons asserted in Applicants' November 1, 2007 Amendment. Method claims 8, 11-14, 16-17, 19-29, previously withdrawn, are rejoined.

Claims 1, 6, 7, and 27-29 (in part) are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her November 16, 2007 telephone call suggesting Amendments to clarify claims. This Supplemental Amendment therefore amends claims to correct punctuation (claim 1), to use Markush claim format (claims 7, 14-16, 19, 22-25, and 28-29), to delete "derivative" which the Examiner deemed vague (claim 20), to replace "hepatic" for "kidney" (claim 16), to correct claim dependency (claim 19), and to clarify the method (claims 8, 15, and 24). The amendments are supported at least at p. 7 lines 1-12, p. 18 line 13 to p. 19 line 3, and p. 27 line 22 to p. 28 line 15. Claim 24 recites the embodiment of either an optical and/or a non-optical imaging procedure, supported at least at p. 25 line 1 to p. 26 line 13, and thus is not limited to an optical imaging procedure.

Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's confirmation that withdrawn methods claims are being rejoined.

Applicants include a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,395,257.

Applicants have responded to each of the Examiner's suggestions, and believe the application is in complete condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due but, if deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge them to Deposit Account No. 20-0809. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with questions.

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